

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed on **May 13, 2004**, the Examiner reviewed claims 1-48. Claims 1-16 and 33-48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 17-32 were allowed.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 1-16 and 33-48 were rejected because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.


Applicant has canceled claims 1-16 and 33-48 without prejudice.

Claims 17-32 were previously allowed.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is presently in form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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